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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually using Zoom.

Members Present: Chairwoman Varnum, Commissioner Lovely, Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Buitenhuys, Commissioner Downs, and Commissioner Standish

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Joe Giniewicz, City of Lowell

CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM

CONTINUED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Determination of Applicability

Mark Burns
24 Newbridge Road
Lowell, MA 01854

Project Location: 24 Newbridge Road 01854 The applicant is seeking to remove three trees within the 100-ft. Buffer Zone to bordering vegetated wetlands.

On Behalf:
Mark Burns, Applicant

Speaking in Favor:
None

Speaking in Opposition:
None

Discussion:

M. Burns described the property and where trees would be removed. Commissioners Dillon and Downs both agreed that given the condition of the trees that they should be removed.

Motion:

Commissioner Lovely motioned and Commissioner Dillon seconded to issue a negative-3 determination. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability

Sandy Swaile
City of Lowell
375 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Project Location: 7 Chambers Street 01852

The applicant is seeking to pave an off-street parking area within the 25-ft. Riverfront Area and within the 100-ft Buffer Zone to Meadow Brook.

On Behalf:

Sandy Swaile, City of Lowell Design Planner

Speaking in Favor:

None

Speaking in Opposition:

None

Discussion:

S. Swaile summarized the project, noting that the area originally had three lots that vehicles would park in. With the project, the middle area has been removed. The proposal is to put millings down to renovate the parking for people in the neighborhood that use it each day. S. Swaile confirmed that they can have the lot graded towards the street and that they can continue to look to remove as many invasive species as they can in the spring. Commissioner Buitenhuis also requested to have some small bushes put in during spring as well.

Motion:

Commissioner Dillon motioned and Commissioner Downs seconded to issue a Negative III determination. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes

September 23, 2020
October 14, 2020
October 28, 2020

Motion:

W. Lovely motioned and Commissioner Downs seconded to approve the September 23, 2020 minutes and continue the October 14, 2020 and October 28, 2020 minutes, The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT